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DRAFT MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH Zoom Conference Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Attending: *Caroline Tassey, William Ward, Mary Hart, Ian McHale, Julie Hathaway, Celeste Crowley*

Absent: *Celia Bird*

Meeting called to order by Interim Chair Tassey at 6:30 PM

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION TAKEN
1. Approvals: a. Agenda b. Approval of July Minutes	a. Amend Item 6 to “Eradicating” and amend Item 7 Emerging Issues to “Julie Hathaway – Community Coalition Report”. b. October minutes – Amend September to October	Julie motioned, Mary 2 nd . Approved with Amendments. Mary motioned, Ian 2 nd . Approved with amendment.
2. Public Forum	No Attendees	
3. COVID-19 Update Bill Ward	Bill reported on the City’s response to Covid citing examples of the variant strain’s rapid spread through Europe, testing sites around the city and their increase of personnel to be able to test twice the residents than previously, and the need to up your game with quality masks. He discussed the wastewater tracing and the benefit that has had in preventing outbreaks. He	

	mentioned a ventilation program being proposed to increase airflow in public meeting spaces.	
4. Rental Registration COC Update to Proposal	<p>Bill reviewed the proposed changes to the Certificate of Compliance. The Housing Division is reducing the number of deficiencies allowed in order to improve the percentage of landlords in compliance.</p> <p>Proposed to Board of Health; “The Board of Health supports the 21 proposed changes to the Certificate of Compliance to improve the health of Burlington residents.”</p>	Ian Motioned; Mary 2 nd , all in favor.
5. Chair Report a. Marijuana Card b. Hepatitis A	<p>No new information for either item.</p> <p>General discussion; We have plenty of marijuana cards if anyone needs them or wants to hand them out. Ian’s request to put some at Artisan on Pearl Street was welcomed and he left cards for their customers to take if needed.</p>	
6. Eradicating Systemic Racism	<p>Juneteenth is being acknowledged by the City as a holiday with celebrations being planned.</p> <p>We discussed the City’s website in that the neighborhood overlay is not available yet.</p> <p>Also there was a motion to have a city employee speak with the Board of Health and/or train us to aid in the eradication of systemic racism in line with the City’s policies and direction.</p>	Ian motioned; Julie 2 nd . All in favor.
7. Emerging Issues Julie Hathaway – Community Coalition Report	Julie rejoined the Community Coalition to be involved with decisions being made in neighborhoods as well as to keep a finger on the pulse of issues that	

	<p>arise in the community's neighborhoods.</p> <p>The coalition assists with Landlord/Tenant issues, finds cost effective ways to help neighborhoods work with the Police Department and UVM campus.</p> <p>She also discussed the State's Covid survey from the Vt Department of Tourism.</p> <p>It was also suggested that Gayle from UVM and a city counselor join us before March, in regards to the BPD transition and reporting of incidents.</p>	
<p>8. Public Outreach / Communications</p> <p>a. Front Porch Forum</p> <p>b. Mask Handout Events</p>	<p>Front Porch Forum – Caroline will submit a post regarding the Vt Dept of Tourism's Covid Survey that Julie discussed.</p> <p>Mask Handout Events – There are no BOH events planned, but there are masks available if needed for distribution.</p>	
9. Next Meeting	Thursday, February 11, at 6:30pm	Meet via Zoom
10. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm	Mary motioned, Ian 2 nd .